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The Honorable David R. Obey
Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol H-218
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Obey:

The New Jersey Department of Transportation strongly supports the Route 50, Tuckahoe River Bridge Replacement for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2010 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development, Judiciary, and District of Columbia Appropriations bill. It is listed in the State Transportation Improvement Plan. This project will be beneficial for the State and is important for the South New Jersey region.

The funding will be used to replace the existing movable bridge with a higher and wider fixed bridge. The new structure will have two 12-foot travel lanes and 6-foot shoulders, as well as a 6-foot sidewalk on the northbound side of the bridge. Additional roadway improvements will include signalizing the Route 50 and Route 49 intersection. The intersection of Route 50 and Tuckahoe-Mount Pleasant Road will be reconfigured to allow for one-way operation of Tuckahoe-Mount Pleasant Road. Traffic accessing Route 50 will be able to gain safer access to the highway through the reconstructed Marshall Avenue and Kendall Lane intersections. This project will be designed to be bicycle/pedestrian compatible.

Thank you for your consideration of this project request.

Sincerely,



Stephen Dilts
Commissioner